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The present Amendment is proposed in response to the Final Rejection mailed June 19, 2006. In the "Disposition of Claims" section of the Office Action Summary, Claims 16-18 were allowed; claims 1-3(sic) and 6-9 finally rejected; and claims 2-5(sic) and 10-15 objected to. In Paragraph 6 of the Office Action, Claims 1-2 and 6-9 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Herbrechtsmeier (WO 98/42497). Additionally, in Paragraphs 7-10 of the Office Action the Examiner discusses claims 3-5 and 10-15 as being objected to but allowable if rewritten and gives the reasons for allowance. Claim 2, although included in the list of claims objected to in the Office Action Summary, is not mentioned in Paragraphs 7-10 and the reasons for allowance. The converse is true for claim 3, i.e. although it is listed as rejected in the Office Action Summary, it is specifically indicated to be allowable in Paragraph 7 of the reasons for allowable. From these facts, Applicant believes that the Summary listing of claim 2 in the claims objected to and of claim 3 in the claims rejected are inadvertent errors of the Examiner. Accordingly, claims 1,2,4,6,7,8,9, and 11, have been cancelled, without prejudice, and will form the subject of a continuation application to be filed shortly after the filing of this Amendment.

Accordingly, after entry of the proposed amendment, the claims in this application will be Claims 3-5, 10, and 12 to 18. Entry of the amendment is respectfully requested since it restricts the claims to those claims that were either allowed or indicated to be allowable in the Office Action finally rejecting the claims, is believed to obviate all of the Examiner's reasons for rejection and objection in this application, and places the application in

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condition for allowance without injecting new matter or raising new issues.

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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